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FOOD SUPPLY AND PROCESSING IN YUGOSLAVIAFRUIT AND VEGETABLE SUPPLY -- Borba, No 189, 5 Aug 48

The 1948, crop of vegetables and fruit is very good in most areas, and is sufficient to assure a full supply of these products to the population. However, a better food supply for cities and industrial centers depends upon proper planning. Previous failures of the crop-purchasing and food-supply program have resulted from poor organization of responsible agencies; inefficiency in drawing up plans, and delay in publishing them; planning only for large cities and large sources of supply; neglecting small and local sources; lack of cooperation between central and local agencies, resulting in inaccurate or fraudulent returns; insufficient attention to the problems of the small farmer; and irresponsible marketing. Serious attention from the Ministries of Commerce and Supply is essential if urban and industrial workers are to be properly fed.

WORKERS' SUPPLIES IMPROVING -- Politika, No 13029, 15 Sep 48

The Rade Koncar factory has one of the best supply services. Its workers receive good supplies of manufactured goods and foodstuffs on both the guaranteed and the supplementary ration. The supply service has opened large markets where good quality produce may be purchased economically. The service has shown much initiative in purchasing large quantities of these products in distant parts of the country.

The Djura Djakovic factory and the Yugoslav Rubber and Shoe Combine also have regular and proper supplies. In the Djura Djakovic factory, workers engaged in difficult tasks or in operations dangerous to health receive half a liter of milk each at rest time. Adequate supplies of fruit and vegetables are received regularly at both plants. Likewise, the ironworkers of the Prvomajaka (First of May) factory receive good supplies.

Conditions are not so good in timber and wood-processing industries, where insufficient stocks of textiles and shoes, irregular shipments, and poor distribution practices prevent the workers from receiving the supplies due them.

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Many pairs of shoes have been lying in the warehouse of the Vojnic wood-processing plant, and although they are badly needed, the workers have been unable to get them. Much time is wasted in waiting for purchases and meals.

The supply of produce on the government farms are the most inadequate. On the Ovar (Shepherd) farm, the workers receive vegetables only twice a week, while great quantities of vegetables are shipped from this farm to Osijek and Masice every day.

#### BELGRADE FOOD SUPPLY -- Politika, No 13002, 14 Aug 48

Since 1947, the food-supply situation in Belgrade has improved in regard both to quantity and to price, especially in the case of vegetables, the quantity of which has increased 2½ times. The chief shortage is in meat and fats.

#### SPOILED PRODUCE ARRIVING AT BELGRADE -- Rad, No 144, 15 Sep 48

Great quantities of farm produce that are unfit for human consumption have been arriving in Belgrade, because of carelessness or inadequate supervision in harvesting, crop purchase, transport, or distribution. On September 7, 707 kg of kohlrabi arrived; on 11 September, 3,580 kg of pears and 7,800 kg of cabbage; on 14 September, 2,000 kg of tomatoes and another carload of cabbage; all these shipments were either largely or completely ruined.

#### FOOD SUPPLIES ON THE BELGRADE MARKET -- Glas, No 1032, 19 Oct 48

This week, the Belgrade markets have been well supplied with fruit and vegetables. Dairy products are rapidly becoming more abundant, but prices are high due to heavy demand. Fish has been distributed to holders of ration cards. Potatoes and beans have been in short supply. Grapes have been satisfactory in quantity but very poor in quality. Cabbage and apples are abundant; peppers, tomatoes, and plums are nearing the end of their seasons.

Prices of produce have been as follows: potatoes, 7-10 dinars; beans, 22; cabbage, 5-6; kale, 9; tomatoes, 10-12; cauliflower, 20; peppers, 10-15; garlic, 4; grapes, 15-18; quinces, 15; apples, 8-15. Butter sold for 400 dinars, milk for 20, and cheese for 140.

#### POTATO SUPPLY FOR BELGRADE -- Glas, No 1035, 22 Oct 48

Belgrade consumers will have enough potatoes this winter. The current crop is of excellent quality; the potatoes are large and sound. According to the plan, Belgrade will receive about 1,000 carloads of potatoes for the winter.

#### MINERS' FOOD SUPPLY IN SERBIA -- Politika, No 13006, 19 Aug 48

The Workers' Supply Services have failed recently to provide the necessary supplies of foodstuffs, especially vegetables, to their collectives. For example, our largest mines of nonferrous metals Bor and Trepcas, were supplied with only one kind of food, although a variety of foodstuffs in larger quantities could have been provided. The Bor and Trepcas Workers' Supply Services are trying to procure produce in better variety and quantity, but as they did not make contracts with larger farms at the proper time, they are not in a position to meet these obligations promptly and successfully.

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During the last few days, the produce supply at Bor had definitely improved, but in the Old Market at the Trepca mine, deliveries have been poor and irregular. On days when a shipment arrives, it is sold out rapidly while the miners are still at work.

#### SERBIAN RAILROAD WORKERS LACK RATIONS -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

The Railroad Building Enterprise in Nis, now engaged in construction work in the Grdelica Pass, employs a large number of workers, who receive R ration cards because of their heavy work. However, they received virtually nothing of the guaranteed ration for June or July. Appeals to local authorities and to the director of the Service of Supply for Workers were ignored or met with insult. The workers are still without prospect of receiving the rations due them.

#### MUNICIPAL GARDENS IN ZAGREB -- Narodni List, No 1045, 19 Oct 48

To improve the quantity and quality of vegetables coming to the Zagreb market and to equalize supplies, the Municipal People's Council has expanded its existing farms, added a large farm in Jastrebarsko, and arranged for more land outside Zagreb to be devoted to potato production. In Zitnjak, 400 acres of municipal garden which were added recently will be made into four gardens devoted exclusively to raising vegetables.

#### PRODUCE SUPPLY IN CROATIA -- Politika, No 12993, 4 Aug 48

Five fruit and vegetable markets, supplied by the farm workers' cooperative "Tresnjavac" and by farmers, have been opened in Bjelovar. Produce sold in these markets is 45-55 percent cheaper than in private markets.

#### MARKET CONDITIONS IN CROATIA -- Politika, No 13021, 5 Sep 48

Food supplies to the city of Bjelovar have increased considerably of late. Increased deliveries have resulted in a lowering of prices of the free market. Today, prices in the Bjelovar market are among the lowest in Croatia.

#### IMPROVED FOOD SUPPLY IN DALMATIA -- Borba, No 188, 4 Aug 48

Because of better organization of crop purchasing and greater activity of distributing cooperatives, the fruit and vegetable supply in Split has improved since July. During the first half of 1947, about 100 carloads of vegetables and 20 of fruit came to the Split market, and in the same period in 1948, there have been 233 and 35 carloads, respectively. During the first part of 1948, state and cooperative enterprises supplied 50-60 percent of the population of Split with fruit and vegetables, while now they supply about 80 percent.

This year, milk deliveries have risen to about 5,000 liters daily, but further improvement is needed. More milk-collecting stations, properly equipped, must be organized in the crop purchase area.

After the Decree on Maximum Prices of Agricultural Products and Free Sale went into effect, state and cooperative food suppliers in Split did more business, while deliveries by producers declined somewhat because they sell their produce to the state. During the second 10 days of July, state and cooperative dealers brought 147,114 kg of vegetables and 28,932 kg of fruit into Split, while farmers brought 55,595 and 30,751 kg respectively.

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During the third 10 days, when prices were highest, state and cooperative dealers shipped in 248,341 and 40,781 kg, and farmers 46,631 and 11,457 respectively. Supplies of cabbage and tomatoes, squash, apples, pears, and watermelons are heavy, while potatoes are among the items in short supply.

Because of the steady increase in arrivals of produce, the Split city produce authority plans to open nine more markets.

#### VEGETABLE SUPPLY IN SLAVONIA -- Borba, No 188, 4 Aug 48

Since price control became effective, the shipment of vegetables to the Osijek markets have declined 50 to 60 percent, because of inefficient crop purchasing and lack of cooperation between city and republican agencies. The 14 vegetables markets now in use are not sufficient, and more should be opened.

#### PRODUCE SUPPLY IN SLOVENIA -- Borba, No 188, 4 Aug 48

Increased crop purchasing of fruit and vegetables by the city and cooperatives in improving the Maribor produce supply.

Often cooperatives hold produce after purchase from the farmer for several days before shipping. Consequently, consumers often prefer to buy from farmers, though their prices are higher, to get better quality.

More stores are needed, as customers stand in queues at the four now in operation.

#### FLOUR SUPPLY IN BOSNIA -- Oslobođenje, No 589, 13 Sep 48

In August, flour had to be distributed to Sarajevo consumers in two installments because of the overloading of rail transport facilities. This month, only 40 percent of the proper flour supply has reached Sarajevo. Poor planning of distribution has aggravated the shortage, as those who applied first received their full ration, while others received only a little or none. Officials explain that the Samac-Sarajevo line, which brings flour from the Vojvodina, is overloaded with perishable freight. The remainder of the flour ration has been promised by 13 September.

The flour situation this month in industrial and lumbering centers is much better; they received their full ration by 8 September.

#### FOOD SUPPLY IN MONTENEGRO -- Borba, No 187, 3 Aug 48

Poor liaison between republican and district authorities has resulted in irregular and delayed distribution of supplies in Montenegro. Recently, the People's Committee of the Hercegnovi district received only 2,000 kg of low-grade wheat instead of several carloads, so wheat had to be shipped in from Bijelo Polje, 260 km away. No sugar was issued in June or July. The many tourists in the Hercegnovi district resorts received no rations for June or July.

The produce and meat plan is unrealistic and is often filled only 50 percent, largely because of inefficiency.

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Approval has been granted for Cetinje to receive its vegetable supply from Pec; but this means a trip of 450 km each way. The City Committee does not have the necessary vehicles; cost will be high and quality low, as produce will not reach the consumers until the fourth day. Cetinje could be supplied economically from the Kotor and Bar districts.

Prices of produce are high in spite of the price control law of 26 July. Though prices are posted on large bulletin boards in the markets, lax control and negligent inspection (often existing only on paper) permit frequent evasions.

**FOOD SUPPLY IN MONTENEGRO -- Glas, No 1033, 20 Oct 48**

Supplies of fruits and vegetables in Montenegrin cities improved considerably during September and October. However, as this is the height of the season and as the northern districts of Montenegro (Andrijevice, Berane, Bjelopolje) produce fruit and vegetables in abundance, the supplies still cannot be considered sufficient.

**AMPLE SUGAR SUPPLIES -- Rad, No 140, 10 Sep 48**

The directorate-general of the national food-processing industry announces that there is enough sugar in the warehouses to supply the entire retail net throughout the country. Sugar will be distributed both at the higher retail prices and at the lower fixed prices. All retail dealers have received authorization for the full quantity they ordered, and delivery is now taking place.

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